

¶128.35 FURTHER CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS, FY 1998

Mr. LIVINGSTON, pursuant to the special order of the House heretofore agreed to, called up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 101) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

When said joint resolution was considered and read twice.

After debate,

The previous question having been ordered by said special order.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House pass said joint resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LATOURETTE, announced that the yeas had it.

So the joint resolution was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said joint resolution was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said joint resolution.

¶128.36 UNFINISHED BUSINESS—
APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LATOURETTE, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced the unfinished business to be the question on agreeing to the Chair's approval of the Journal of Thursday, November 6, 1997.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to the Chair's approval of said Journal?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LATOURETTE, announced that the yeas had it.

So the Journal was approved.

¶128.37 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO
TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLMENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LATOURETTE, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

WASHINGTON, DC.

November 7, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent, the designation was accepted.

¶128.38 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundegran, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment joint resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H.J. Res. 91. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to Apalachicola-Chat-tahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact.

H.J. Res. 92. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact.

H.J. Res. 101. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the fol-

lowing title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 738. An Act to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, and for other purposes.

¶128.39 ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT
RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2367. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans.

H.J. Res. 101. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

¶128.40 BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION
PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, a bill and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2367. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans.

H.J. Res. 101. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

¶128.41 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. MENENDEZ, for November 4;

To Ms. MCKINNEY, for November 5

after 2:30 p.m. and for November 6;

To Ms. CARSON, for November 6;

To Mr. FORBES, until 6:30 p.m. on November 6;

To Mr. MICA, until 6:30 p.m. on November 6;

To Mr. PORTMAN, until 6:30 p.m. on November 6;

To Mr. YATES, for November 6 after 5:30 p.m. and November 7 after 11:00 a.m.;

To Mr. QUINN, for today after 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on November 8; and

To Mr. GILLMOR, for today after 5 p.m. and for November 8 and for November 9.

And then,

¶128.42 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. KOLBE, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 10 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, November 8, 1997.

¶128.43 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2578. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of non-immigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General (Rept. No. 105-387). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. Gulf war veterans' illnesses: VA, DOD, continue to resist strong evidence linking toxic causes to chronic health effects (Rept. No. 105-388). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GEKAS: Committee on the Judiciary. House Joint Resolution 95. Resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact (Rept. No. 105-389). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. LIVINGSTON: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2264. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-390). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. PRYCE of Ohio: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 311. Resolution providing for consideration of certain resolutions in preparation for the adjournment of the first session sine die (Rept. No. 105-391). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. LEACH: Committee of Conference. Conference report on S. 1026. An act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Rept. No. 105-392). Ordered to be printed.

¶128.44 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BALLENGER (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. FAWELL, and Mr. BOEHNER):

H.R. 2864. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to establish a program under which employers may consult with State officials respecting compliance with occupational safety and health requirements; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 2865. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit any individual from making a contribution to a candidate for election for Federal office which is not accompanied by a written certification that the contribution consists solely of personal funds of the individual; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. CALVERT (for himself, Mr. POMBO, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. HORN, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. BILBRAY, and Mr. GALLEGLY):

H.R. 2866. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require candidates for election for the House of Representatives or the Senate to raise at least 50 percent of their contributions from individuals residing in the district or State involved, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. GILMAN:

H.R. 2867. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to target assistance to support the economic and political independ-

ence of the countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. PAUL:

H.R. 2868. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow consumers greater access to information regarding the health benefits of foods and dietary supplements; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BALLENGER (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. BOEHNER):

H.R. 2869. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to exempt safety and health assessments, audits, and reviews conducted by or for an employer from enforcement action under such Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. KASICH, and Mr. HAMILTON):

H.R. 2870. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. BALLENGER (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. FAWELL, and Mr. BOEHNER):

H.R. 2871. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for the establishment of advisory panels for the Secretary of Labor; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 2872. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit for a portion of the expenses of providing dependent care services to employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BALLENGER (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. FAWELL, and Mr. BOEHNER):

H.R. 2873. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BONO, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. COOK, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DEUTSCH, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. FORD, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FROST, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GREEN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HOYER, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. McNULTY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. NADLER, Mr. ORTIZ,

Mr. OWENS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PAXON, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. ROSS-LEHTINEN, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. TANNER, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. TURNER, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. WEXLER):

H.R. 2874. A bill to provide for prompt disclosure to insured individuals of their medical conditions after undergoing medical examinations necessary to qualify for insurance coverage; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BALLENGER (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. FAWELL, and Mr. BOEHNER):

H.R. 2875. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 2876. A bill to promote food safety through continuation of the Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database program operated by the Secretary of Agriculture; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. BALLENGER (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. BOEHNER):

H.R. 2877. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ANDREWS (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

H.R. 2878. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a loan program and a bond guarantee program to assist local educational agencies in the construction, reconstruction, and renovation of public elementary and secondary schools; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BALLENGER (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. BOEHNER):

H.R. 2879. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 2880. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to encourage States to require background checks requested in connection with the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BALLENGER (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. BOEHNER):

H.R. 2881. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BONO:

H.R. 2882. A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of the United States Code to permit each party to certain contracts to accept or reject arbitrations as a means of settling disputes under the contracts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. HORN, and Mr. SESSIONS):

H.R. 2883. A bill to amend provisions of law enacted by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 to improve Federal agency strategic plans and performance reports; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. CRANE:

H.R. 2884. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to limit the tax rate for certain small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DAVIS of Virginia:

H.R. 2885. A bill to authorize the establishment of a Cold War memorial; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. DOOLITTLE:

H.R. 2886. A bill to provide for a demonstration project in the Stanislaus National Forest, California, under which a private contractor will perform multiple resource management activities for that unit of the National Forest System; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. FILLNER, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. REYES, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ):

H.R. 2887. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require certain contracts of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be subject to the same procurement law applicable to other departments and agencies of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FAWELL (for himself and Mr. ANDREWS):

H.R. 2888. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt from the minimum wage recordkeeping and overtime compensation requirements certain specialized employees; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GEKAS:

H.R. 2889. A bill to establish a commission to recommend a strategy for the global eradication of disease; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. GOODLING (for himself and Mr. GEKAS):

H.R. 2890. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a mandatory minimum prison sentence for certain wiretapping or electronic surveillance offenses by Federal officers or employees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. EHRLICH):

H.R. 2891. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide a limited overtime exemption for employees performing emergency medical services; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HALL of Ohio (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. HUNTER):

H.R. 2892. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the dissemination of indecent material on cable television; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Washington:

H.R. 2893. A bill to amend the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to provide for appropriate study and repatriation of remains for which a cultural affiliation is not readily ascertainable; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HERGER (for himself and Mr. POMBO):

H.R. 2894. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to enable Federal agencies responsible for the preservation of threatened species and endangered species to rescue and relocate members of any of those species that would be taken in the course of certain reconstruction, maintenance, or repair of Federal or non-Federal manmade flood control levees; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. KILDEE:

H.R. 2895. A bill to provide for the establishment of the National Lighthouse Museum; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. KILPATRICK (for herself, Mr. FROST, and Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD):

H.R. 2896. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Defense to make military helicopters and their crews available to State and local law enforcement agencies to assist in law enforcement and rescue operations; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. YATES, Mr. STARK, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA):

H.R. 2897. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on persons who operate vending machines that dispense tobacco products; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LUTHER (for himself, Mr. KASICH, Mr. DELLUMS, and Mr. FOLEY):

H.R. 2898. A bill to limit production of the B-2 bomber; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut (for himself and Mr. SHAYS):

H.R. 2899. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to provide for reduced duty treatment for certain fully assembled bicycle wheels; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. WALSH, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. BROWN of California, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. YATES, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. DELLUMS, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, and Mr. ENGEL):

H.R. 2900. A bill to provide for research to determine the extent to which the presence of dioxin, synthetic fibers, and other additives in tampons and similar products used by women with respect to menstruation pose any risks to the health of women, including risks relating to cervical cancer, endometriosis, infertility, ovarian cancer, breast cancer, immune system deficiencies, pelvic inflammatory disease, and toxic shock syndrome, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. MCDADE (for himself, Mr. KLUG, and Ms. ESHOO):

H.R. 2901. A bill to improve cellular telephone service in selected rural areas and to achieve equitable treatment of certain cellular license applicants; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. KLUG, Mrs. THURMAN, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. MILLER of California, and Mr. WAXMAN):

H.R. 2902. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply the energy credit to small wind turbines; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MORAN of Kansas (for himself, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. RYUN, and Mr. SNOWBARGER):

H.R. 2903. A bill to provide relief from unfair interest and penalties on refunds retroactively ordered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. NADLER:

H.R. 2904. A bill to make an exception to the United States embargo on trade with Cuba for the export of medicines or medical supplies, instruments, or equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. NADLER:

H.R. 2905. A bill to provide for comprehensive reform for managed health care plans;

to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. NEUMANN:

H.R. 2906. A bill to authorize and direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to reduce nondefense discretionary spending limits by two percentage points for each of fiscal years 1999 through 2002; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. NEUMANN:

H.R. 2907. A bill to require the destruction of the United States stockpile of landmines other than self-destructive landmines and to prohibit the acquisition of such landmines in the future; to the Committee on National Security, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. NUSSLE:

H.R. 2908. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the restriction on payment for certain hospital discharges to post-acute care imposed by section 4407 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. PAPPAS, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN):

H.R. 2909. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to establish requirements regarding the operation of certain electric generating facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. ALLEN):

H.R. 2910. A bill to reduce the risk of mercury pollution through use reduction, increased recycling, and reduction of emissions into the environment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. POMBO (for himself and Mr. HERGER):

H.R. 2911. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the ability of individuals and local, State, and Federal agencies to prevent natural flood disasters; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. RAHALL (for himself, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mrs. CLAYTON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. FROST, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BOUCHER, and Mr. CRAMER):

H.R. 2912. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to reinstate payment under Medicare for home health services consisting of venipuncture solely for the purpose of obtaining a blood sample, and to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to study potential fraud and abuse under the Medicare Program with respect to such services; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall with-

in the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RAMSTAD:

H.R. 2913. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the mortgage subsidy bond benefits for residences located in disaster areas; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SAXTON (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. GOSS, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. SHAYS, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. EHLERS, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. YATES, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. FAWELL, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia):

H.R. 2914. A bill to improve the governmental environmental research and information by organizing a National Institute for the Environment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado:

H.R. 2915. A bill to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act and the Energy Conservation and Production Act; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BOB SCHAFFER (for himself, Mr. SKAGGS, and Mr. MCINNIS):

H.R. 2916. A bill to provide for the conveyance of an unused Air Force housing facility in La Junta, Colorado, to the City of La Junta; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. SHAYS:

H.R. 2917. A bill to temporarily increase the number of visas available for backlogged spouses and children of lawful permanent resident aliens and to provide for certain limitations on the adjustment of status of nonimmigrants physically present in the United States to permanent residence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 2918. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of the deduction allowed for meals and entertainment expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 2919. A bill to establish grant programs and provide other forms of Federal assistance to pregnant women, children in need of adoptive families, and individuals and families adopting children; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on National Security, Banking and Financial Services, Ways and Means, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SOLOMON (for himself, Mr. QUINN, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. METCALF, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. HILL, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. CAMP, Mr. PAXON, Mr. UPTON, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. SMITH of Texas):

H.R. 2920. A bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to modify the requirements for implementation of an entry-exit control system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TAUZIN (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. BOUCHER):

H.R. 2921. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to conduct an inquiry into the impediments to the development of competition in the market for multichannel video programming distribution; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TRAFICANT (for himself, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. BILBRAY, and Mr. ROHR-ABACHER):

H.R. 2922. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to assign members of the Armed Forces, under certain circumstances and subject to certain conditions, to assist the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the United States Customs Service in the performance of border protection functions; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. WALSH (for himself, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. KING of New York, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. FORBES, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. LAZIO of New York, and Mr. FOSSELLA):

H.R. 2923. A bill to establish programs regarding early detection, diagnosis, and interventions for newborns and infants with hearing loss; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 2924. A bill to amend the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for selection of lands by certain veterans of the Vietnam era and by the Elim Native Corporation; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HOYER (for himself and Mr. HYDE):

H.R. 2925. A bill to establish felony violations for the failure to pay legal child support obligations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIVINGSTON:

H.J. Res. 101. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations. The Committee on Appropriations discharged; considered and passed.

By Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FROST, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. HORN, Mr. HYDE, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. LEACH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. NADLER, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. YATES, Mr. MCHUGH, and Mr. BERMAN):

H.J. Res. 102. A joint resolution expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. PORTER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. LEACH, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SNYDER, and Ms. PELOSI):

H. Con. Res. 185. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recommitting the United States to the principles expressed in the Universal Declaration; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio:

H. Con. Res. 186. Concurrent resolution commending all who served with the United States Navy Asiatic Fleet throughout the Far East from 1910 to 1942, especially those sailors and marines who put their lives on the line for this Nation during the earliest days of our involvement in World War II; to the Committee on National Security.

By Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. TURNER, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. GREEN, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. FROST, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. NORTON, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. BRADY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ):

H. Con. Res. 187. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the museum to be known as "The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future", in Dallas, Texas, should be designated as a Millennium Project for the United States; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Mr. BILLRAKIS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. KLINK, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. FILNER, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. NEY, Mr. MANTON, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. POMBO, Mr. LoBIONDO, Mrs. ROUNKEMA, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. PORTER, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, and Mr. FOSSELLA):

H. Con. Res. 188. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding Turkey's claim of sovereignty to the islets in the Aegean Sea called Imia by Greece and Kardak by Turkey; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. SANDERS:

H. Con. Res. 189. Concurrent resolution revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 with respect to the appropriate budgetary levels for Social Security and national defense for fiscal years 1999 through 2002 in order to maintain the level of administrative expenses for Social Security by taking into account anticipated inflation; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. UNDERWOOD (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FILNER, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii):

H. Res. 312. A resolution urging the President to authorize the transfer of ownership of one of the bells taken from the town of Balangiga on the island of Samar, Philippines, which are currently displayed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, to the people of the Philippines; to the Committee on International Relations.

128.45 MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

220. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Guam, relative to Resolution No. 186 requesting the 105th Congress to amend certain Sections of the Organic Act of Guam, Title 48 United

States Code, to mandate the establishment and independent election of the position of the Attorney General; to the Committee on Resources.

221. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Guam, relative to Resolution No. 85 requesting the 105th Congress to amend the Organic Act by adding a new Section 6 to confirm that the adoption of a Constitution establishing local government shall not preclude or prejudice the further exercise in the future by the people of Guam of the right of self-determination regarding the ultimate political status of Guam; to the Committee on Resources.

222. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution 17 memorializing the President and the Congress to maintain the existing restrictions on trucks from Mexico and other foreign nations entering California and continue efforts to assure full compliance by the owners and drivers of those trucks with all highway safety, environmental, and drug enforcement laws; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

223. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 69 memorializing the Congress of the United States to provide for the distribution of the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund's proceeds to the states for cleanup projects determined by the states; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

224. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution 18 commending the local, national, and international efforts of the National Committee on the United Nations to promote the universal adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, and urging the United States Senate to ratify CEDAW; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and the Judiciary.

128.46 PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. CARSON:

H.R. 2926. A bill for the relief of Adela T. Bailor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MATSUI:

H.R. 2927. A bill for the relief of Wayne R. Hultgren; to the Committee on National Security.

128.47 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 59: Mr. THUNE, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. MICA.

H.R. 76: Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 80: Mr. NEUMANN.

H.R. 100: Mr. HINOJOSA.

H.R. 135: Mr. GILMAN, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. DICKS, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. JOHN, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. BOYD, and Mr. GOODE.

H.R. 145: Mr. BROWN of California.

H.R. 164: Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 192: Mr. SALMON.

H.R. 306: Mr. McDADE, Mr. CLYBURN, and Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.

H.R. 414: Mr. SALMON.

H.R. 586: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 616: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CLEMENT, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Ms. NORTON, Mr.